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SLUSH ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIR OF BOARD

Slush, the leading startup event, is excited to announce changes to its board of directors. **Timo Ahopelto**, former chair of the board, has stepped aside and will be replaced by **Marianne Vikkula**, who has been a member of the board since 2018. Slush thanks Timo for his continuous efforts and respected contributions to supporting the Slush team.

Marianne was the CEO of Slush from 2016-2017. Her background and expertise make her well-suited to lead the board and guide the organization toward continued success.

In addition to the change of Chair, Slush welcomes two new board members: **Petteri Koponen**, Founding Partner at Lifeline Ventures, and **Oskari Saarenmaa**, CEO and co-founder of Aiven. Both Petteri and Oskari are experienced Slush customers and influential key figures in the European startup ecosystem, who will bring pragmatic insights to the Slush board. They will be joining existing board members **Riku Mäkelä** and **Miika Huttunen**, both former CEOs of Slush.

Atte Hujanen and **Moaffak Ahmed** have stepped aside after working on the board since 2013 and 2018. Slush thanks both Atte and Moaffak for their guidance and help with developing the Slush brand and its products.

The new board members will play a key role in guiding the future strategy of Slush, as it continues to bring together the world's leading startups, investors, and technology leaders to drive innovation and entrepreneurship.

Slush board

Marianne Vikkula, Chair of Board – VP, New Markets at Wolt

Riku Mäkelä, Board Member – COO at Wolt

Miika Huttunen, Board Member – Entrepreneur

Petteri Koponen – Board Member, Founding Partner at Lifeline Ventures

Oskari Saarenmaa – Board Member, CEO and Co-Founder of Aiven

About Slush

Slush is a student-led, not-for-profit organization owned by Startup Foundation. Slush is a leading startup and technology event that brings together the world's leading startups, investors, and technology leaders to drive innovation and entrepreneurship. Founded in 2008, Slush has grown to become one of the largest startup events in the world.

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